

REMARKS

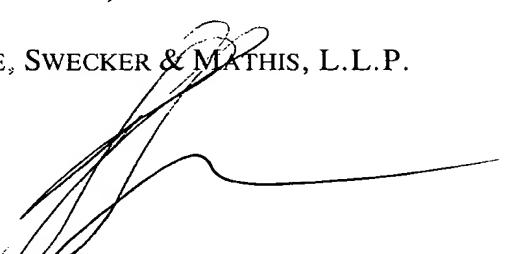
Entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attachment to Amendment dated March 3, 2003
Marked-up Copy of Changes to Specification**

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification has been amended as follows:

On page 20, beginning at line 14, replace lines 14-26 with the following:

--Figure 1: human sequence (SEQ ID NO.:1) of the NINTROX gene

Figure 2: murine sequence (SEQ ID NO.:2) of the NINTROX gene

Figure 3: sequence comparison between human (SEQ ID NO.:1) (top) and murine (SEQ ID NO.:2) (bottom) sequences

Solid bars: sequence-conserved regions (b)

Figure 4: energy diagram of the sequences (SEQ ID NOS.: 1,8,6,5,3,2,7 AND 4, RESPECTIVELY) from figure 3

Figure 5: homology comparison of NINTROX from various species

Figure 5a: partial sequence from hamster (SEQ ID NO.:3)

Figure 5b: partial sequence from kangaroo (SEQ ID NO.:4)

Figure 5c: partial sequence from macaca (SEQ ID NO.:5)

Figure 5d: partial sequence from orangutan (SEQ ID NO.:6)

Figure 5e: partial sequence from rat (SEQ ID NO.:7)--

On page 21, replace the paragraph beginning at line 1, with the following:

--Figure 5f: partial sequence from chimpanzee (SEQ ID NO.:8)--